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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make the following documents of record in the above-identified application:

U.S. Patents

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,752,959 issued 05/19/98 to Korhonen
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,190,545 issued 03/02/93 to Corsi et al.
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 4,146,022 issued 03/27/79 to Johnson et al.
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,993,452 issued 11/30/99 to Vandewalle
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,607,430 issued 03/04/97 to Bailey
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,772,663 issued 06/30/98 to Whiteside et al.
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 5,718,706 issued 02/17/98 to Roger
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 5,129,902 issued 07/14/92 to Goble et al.
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 4,988,351 issued 01/29/91 to Paulos et al.
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 5,697,934 issued 12/16/97 to Huebner
- (11) U.S. Patent No. 6,086,590 issued 07/11/00 to Margulies et al.
- (12) U.S. Patent No. 5,702,399 issued 12/30/97 to Kilpela et al.
- (13) U.S. Patent No. 5,415,658 issued 05/16/95 to Kilpela et al.
- (14) U.S. Patent No. 4,667,662 issued 05/26/87 to Titone et al.
- (15) U.S. Patent No. 4,269,180 issued 05/26/81 to Dall et al.
- (16) U.S. Patent No. 4,263,904 issued 04/28/81 to Judet
- (17) U.S. Patent No. 5,941,881 issued 08/24/99 to Barnes
- (18) U.S. Patent No. 5,665,088 issued 09/09/97 to Gil et al.

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- (19) U.S. Patent No. 5,324,291 issued 06/28/94 to Ries et al.
- (20) U.S. Patent No. 4,889,110 issued 12/26/89 to Galline et al.
- (21) U.S. Patent No. 4,473,068 issued 09/25/84 to Oh
- (22) U.S. Patent No. 4,456,006 issued 06/26/84 to Wevers et al.
- (23) U.S. Patent No. 5,935,133 issued 08/10/99 to Wagner et al.
- (24) U.S. Patent No. 5,964,769 issued 10/12/99 to Wagner et al.
- (25) U.S. Patent No. 5,810,824 issued 09/22/98 to Chan
- (26) U.S. Patent No. 5,665,089 issued 09/09/97 to Dall et al.
- (27) U.S. Patent No. 4,119,091 issued 10/10/78 to Partridge
- (28) U.S. Patent No. 5,797,915 issued 08/25/98 to Pierson, III et al.
- (29) U.S. Patent No. 5,741,259 issued 04/21/98 to Chan
- (30) U.S. Patent No. 6,053,921 issued 04/25/00 to Wagner et al.
- (31) U.S. Patent No. 5,993,449 issued 11/30/99 to Schläpfer et al.
- (32) U.S. Patent No. 6,120,505 issued 09/19/00 to Huebner
- (33) U.S. Patent No. 5,797,916 issued 08/25/98 to McDowell
- (34) U.S. Patent No. Des. 404,128 issued 01/12/99 to Huebner
- (35) U.S. Patent No. Des. 373,632 issued 09/10/96 to Price et al.

Other Documents

- (36) Pioneer Surgical Technology Product Brochure, Niche Product Design & Development, three (3) pages.
- (37) Müller et al., Manual Of Internal Fixation, Techniques Recommended by the AO Group, Second Edition, Springer Verlag, Berlin Heidelberg, New York, 1979, pages 42-47, 70-71 and 248-253.

Copies of these documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (three pages), are enclosed herewith. Applicants respectfully request that these documents be fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application and printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants also respectfully request that a copy of Form PTO-1449 (three pages), as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next communication.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. If for any reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by the Examiner by telephone in order that any deficiencies may be expeditiously remedied.

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The enclosed documents may have markings thereon. Applicants are not presently aware of the source of those markings, and no significance is meant to be attached thereto.

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Thank you.

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